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- On 11 November 1953, what appeared to be reserve military trains consisting of new M cars were observed at the following stations between Rathenow and Gardelegen:

Stendal	2 trains
Uchtspringe	1 train
Gardelegen	1 train
Haemerten	1 train

- On the same date a train consisting of SSY cars was observed in Grossbehnitz between Rathenow and Wustermark.
- Work has started on the construction of a rail spur for the Soviet military depot at Altenbrug (Thuringia).
- The double tracking of the Cottbus - Falkenberg line is still not completed. Because of the shortage of materials, it remains single-tracked in places. The Russian authorities have ordered that it be completed by 1 January 1954.
- In order to increase the traffic capacity of the Frankfurt/Oder - Berlin line, the Russian authorities have ordered the widening of the railroad bridge at Fuerstenwalde to accommodate an additional track.
- Sidings or rail spurs, 6 km. in length are to be built on behalf of the military authorities at Hohenbocka between Ruhland and Hoyerswerda. The work is classified as urgent, and the cost is to be borne by the Mbv.¹
- The following stretches of line are either in or about to be taken into service:

Hohen Neuendorf - Bergfelde	2.5 km.
Hohen Neuendorf - Schoenwalde	8 km.

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Schoenwalde - Falkenhagen 8 km.

The carrying capacity of all three is estimated to be 48 trains per 24 hours.

8. On 16 November, two sidings at Halle Personenbahnhof were seen to be occupied by empty RRYM cars.
9. In order to tap the Raum Muldenstein coal area more effectively, a 10 km. long loop line is being constructed between Muldenstein and Bitterfeld.

1. Comment: Not further identified; possibly - Militär-Bahn-Verwaltung..

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